



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** School Library Media Specialists

**FROM:** Denise DiSabatino Allen, Education Associate, Library/Media/Technology

**DATE:** August 18, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Welcome Back!

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Welcome back, glad to see you in the library! We hope you had a great summer vacation, were able to get some R&R, spent time with family and friends, and read some good books. That is what summer is about☺.

The new school year is here again, 2009–2010—can you believe it? With all the changes being made in education, it is up to us to begin our year on a positive note. Let's get involved in looking at student data to drive what we do in our libraries, keep up with our 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, and meet the diverse learning needs of all our students. To help you to juggle all these hats, we are offering a professional development series throughout the school year, *School LMS in the Know, Taking Positive Action Toward School Improvement*. You can participate from home or school because it will be done via Elluminate, which is an online conferencing tool free for ALL public school educators. All you need is a computer, speakers to hear the latest information, and a microphone to join in on the dialog.

Attached is a schedule of our offerings. Participants will get a certificate for clock hours for attending. You will need to register with Deb Roberson ([droberson@doe.k12.de.us](mailto:droberson@doe.k12.de.us)) the sessions you are interested in so we can send you the Elluminate session link. Only 50 online seats available, sign up now! Sessions which have a Part I & II or more than one day offering must be taken together in order to receive the full clock hours credit. *Also, please make sure that Deb Roberson ([droberson@doe.k12.de.us](mailto:droberson@doe.k12.de.us)) has your up-to-date contact information!*

Have a WONDERFUL school year!

DDA/dlr

Attachment

P.S.

- Refresh your reading with Dr. Ross Todd of Rutgers University's article, *Ross to the Rescue!* By Brian Kenney—*School Library Journal*, 4/1/2006  
<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6320013.html?q=ross+todd>
- Follow me in Twitter—<http://twitter.com/pastabeach503>
- See you at the DSRA conference, Friday, October 9 - New Look, Location, AND Lower Price  
<http://dsrablog.edublogs.org/>

**School Library Media Specialists Professional Development Series via Illuminate**  
***School LMS in the Know—Taking Positive Action Toward School Improvement***

<b>Session</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
*Illuminate Training & Professional Development Overview	Denise DiSabatino Allen-DOE	Monday, September 14	3:15-4:15
*Illuminate Training & Professional Development Overview (a repeat of Monday's session)	Denise DiSabatino Allen-DOE	Thursday, September 17	3:15-4:15
Learning Focused Part I	Tracy Hudson, University of DE	Monday, September 21	3:15-4:15
Learning Focused Part II	Tracy Hudson, University of DE	Monday, September 28	3:15-4:15
Literacy and School Success Overview – Part I	Denise DiSabatino Allen-DOE	Monday, October 12	3:15-4:15
Literacy and School Success Overview – Part II	Denise DiSabatino Allen-DOE	Monday, October 26	3:15-4:15
Summer Reading – Part I	DeICastle, Howard, & DOE	Wednesday, November 4	3:15-4:15
Summer Reading – Part II	DeICastle, Howard, & DOE	Wednesday, November 18	3:15-4:15
Response to Intervention (RTI) Part I – The Frameworks	Karen Jones-DOE	Tuesday, December 8	3:15-4:15
Response to Intervention (RTI) – Part II –ELA and Math Intervention	DOE-Juley Harper, ELA; Diana Roscoe & Crystal Lancour, Math	Wednesday, December 16	3:15-4:15
Thinkfinity– Day 1	Denise DiSabatino Allen-DOE	Thursday, January 7	3:30 -4:45
Thinkfinity– Day 2	Denise DiSabatino Allen-DOE	Thursday, January 14	3:30 -4:45
Thinkfinity– Day 3	Denise DiSabatino Allen-DOE	Thursday, January 21	3:30 -4:45
Thinkfinity– Day 4	Denise DiSabatino Allen-DOE	Thursday, January 28	3:30 -4:45
Thinkfinity– Day 5	Denise DiSabatino Allen-DOE	Thursday, February 4	3:30 -4:45
Delaware Comprehensive Assessment System (DCAS)	Lisa Alexander-DOE	Wednesday, February 24	3:15-4:15
Copyright	Art Wolinsky-3D WiredSafety	Monday, March 8	3:15-4:15
Sharing Positive Action in our School Libraries	School LMS TBD	April – TBD	3:15-4:15
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